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1. A revolt allegedly occurred in the pre-military training center at Sveti Benedikt in Slovenske Gorice, on 2 May 1951, after Lieutenant Ciril Potocnik, the commander of the center sentenced five youths for having openly criticized conditions at the camp, specifically, food, clothing, unhealthy quarters, punishments, and so on. Immediately following the arrest of the five young men, all of their comrades revolted in protest against the camp commander and the camp commissar, demanding the release of their five comrades.
2. The KNOJ patrol from the Gornja Radgona garrison arrived quickly at the pre-military training center, but not before the commissar, a certain Ovetko, was being removed to the hospital with a head injury.
3. Although an investigation was begun immediately, both the rioters and the rest of the youths at the center refused to disclose the identities of the ringleaders in the revolt. Consequently, the authorities at the center imprisoned approximately 30 men, one third of the young men at the center. The entire center was dissolved. The members of the center were separated into small groups and sent to various centers in the vicinity.
4. The news of the revolt reportedly spread rapidly through Slovenia and, despite the fact that it was kept out of the newspapers, was greeted with enthusiasm.

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